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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 1898.

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DISASTER AT **SHAWNEETOWN**

Still Fifteen Feet of Water All Over the Town.

OVER 100 PERSONS PERISH

The Victims Had No Warning of the Danger.

By the Breaking of the Levee on the Ten or Fifteen Feet High Poured Through the Main Streets Sweeping Everything Before It -- Many Frame at the end of Market street near the court house. An opening ten feet wild Houses Were Tossed About on the cupants of the More Substantial street the Top Floors Suffering From Cold and Hunger.

Ridgway, Ill., April 4.-Tonight almost two score bodies of victims of the Shawneetown flood have been recovered and hundreds of homeless people are dependent upon charity for food and shelter. The death list is likely to be largely increased when definite information from the negro quarters, which suffered most, is secured. The flood burst upon these people without warning and owing to the weak construction of their shantles, they toppled over in the rush of the water carrying the inmates to death. Hundreds of people who lived farther from the river front sought safety on roofs and in upper stories or made a retreat to the hills at the west. These are being removed as rapidly as possible to places where they can be given proper care. No effort has yet been made to search for bodies, the attention of the relief parties being directed almost entirely to-providing supplies and making the homeless as comfortable as possible. The relief work is well organized and the tents, blankets and food sent by the governor today will he promptly distributed. Those who escaped lost everything and their

Late tonight abou been recovered. It is estimated that the loss of life in the negro quarter may reach fifty besides those known to be dead.

homes are in ruins.

Mount Vernon, Ind., April 4.-The tug Isabella, which went to the relief of the Shawneetown sufferers last night, returned here today for provisions. City Marshal Holleman returned on her and reports the situation there as appailing. He said:

In the Riverside hotel last night there were at least five hundred men, women and children huddled together, their clothing wet and nothing with which to time to give a correct estimate of the loss of life but it will probably exceed one hundred. Sheriff Galloway lost his entire family, consisting of wife and four Two ladies who were visiting his family were also drowned. Mr. Gullowny saved himself by climbing a tree. The levee broke above the city and the water came with such a rush as to sweep all the one-story buildings and many others before it. The area covered by the water is about a mile square and in less than one hour the water was 15 to 20 feet deep. The people who are caged up in the third story of houses that remain standing need food and fuel.

the Mount Vernon council together today and a donation of \$200 was made were appointed to solicit aid and this afternoon the Isabella left with \$500 worth of provisions for the sufferers.

LIST OF VICTIMS. Following is a partial list of persons

MRS. C. R. GALLOWAY, four children and two lady visitors.
WASH CALLICUT AND WIFE,

ORS. F. FLAKE.

MRS. F. FLAKE.
MRS. HAULPALEN and four children ANNA AND CHARLES REINHOLT. MARY M'ALLISTER, colored.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, wife and three

CHARLES CLAYTON, wife and six cult-NOAH WELCH AND WIFE.

B. HOOKER, telegraph operator

CAROLINE SPAULDING THREE PRISONERS in the county pail,

names unknown. HENRY KING and four children, col-MISS CORA SHERWOOD.

FRANK A. MORRISON. MRS. A. A. HATHAWAY.

All the neighboring towns are responding liberally to the calls for relief. There is fifteen feet of water all over the town and until it subsides

there will be much suffering. Every means is used to provide food refugees. Last night all buildings sixnated on high ground were crowded. Hundreds are tonight sleeping on the river banks under such rude shelter as they can construct. Absolutely nothing has been saved in the city. The stores and other business houses are flooded to the second floors. Provisons are constantly arriving. A relief train arrived here tonight, but owing o the high wind and roughness of the water at the ferry economy all attempts to transfer the provisions fort to save his parents. He secured a mond, 2.

across have been abandoned for to-night. Here in Ridgway houses have been thrown open and as soon as refugees reach here they are promptly ta-ken care of. By order of Governor Tanner, a state relief committee has

been formed. The heavy rain still continues and at 6 o'clock stiff, cold winds sprung up, adding to the misery of the sufferers. At 11 o'clock tonight a telephone message was received from Shawnectown saying that the south levee was cracking and threatening to go at any minute. Should the levee oreak it will create a current through the streets that will prove dangerous to rescuers.

HOGAN'S STORY OF THE FLOOD.

People in the Towns Had Absolutely

No Warning of Disaster. Ridgway, Ill., April 4.-J. T. Hogan, of Omaha, Ill., left the scene of the flood half an hour before the dike broke. His brother-in-law, Sheriff Galloway, of Gallatin county, whose home was in Shawnectown, had the same good fortune. The sheriff's wife and two daughters were swept away and their bodies have not yet been recovered. Hogan's story of the flood shows North Side of Town a Watl of Water that the townspeople had absolutely no warning of the disaster;

About 5 o'clock last evening the leve

on the north side of the town gave way

was at first made, but it quickly spread Water or Crushed Like Toys -- Oc- to twenty and a wall of water ten or fifteen feet high poured through the main Owellings Are Now Imprisoned on About fifty small frame houses along the line of the levee to the south were crushed like toys and none of the occu-pants, most of whom were poor colored folks escaped. Those living in the more substantial houses managed to climb to second and third stories, where they clung for hours through the chilly night. Houses in the western part of the town did not at once feel the effect of the flood and residents made hasty steps for safety, most of them fleeing to the top of the levee on the south side of the town number also reached the little hills which are a mile away, and from there saw their property crumble in the muddy waters. When daylight came this morning the streets were full of water to a death of ten or twelve feet. Only the most substantial buildings in the central business district remain standing. The relief work is being carried out under great difficulties.

WORK OF RESCUE. Ridgway, a town twelve miles from Shawneetown, was made the basis of relief work. All rail communication being cut off four miles out, boats were constructed and a committee started to the scene. Arriving there they found an appalling condition. Hundreds of those who escaped the rush of water were perched on roofs, trees and along the top of the levee. They were taken from their dangerous positions as rapidly as possible. Owing to the scarcity of boats the work was very slow, but over 200 persons, including women and children, were taken to the roadway, two miles from Shawneetown, thence to Cypress Junction. Here the greater part of their are camped tonight with very little to eat and exposed to the driving rain and piercing wind. Cypress Junction is almost surround-

d by water, which has overflowed the banks of the Wabash and is covering mittee will be able to convince the the entire country. The overflow from the broken dike at Shawneetown has backed up two miles in-land, but is | jority. tonight glowly receding. It will be impossible to recover any bodies until the waters recede. In fact the rescuers are making very little effort in that direction, but are working to save those who escaped. The Riverside hotel and court house and the Ridgway bank are used by the fleeing inhabitants for shelter. The upper stories are crowded. Several hundred people were promenading on the top of the levee Sunday afternoon. Sunday schools had just closed and the children trooped merrily along the smooth walk, when the

SCENES OF EXCITEMENT.

Mrs. Harriet Dumont was one of the arrivals tonight from the flooded district. Mrs. Dumont, in company with a friend, was walking along the levee at the time the break occurred. She said:

It was about 4.25 in the afternoon when we were startled by hearing beils of the churches clanging. People began runshouted that the levee had broken. We ran to my friend's home and went up stairs. Within ten minutes the water came pouring down the street and within twenty minutes more it had risen almost to the second floor of the house. My friend's husband soon came to us with a skiff and took us to the Riverside hotel. The first alarm was given by Father Buckwan who began ringing the bell of the Caurch of the Immiculate Concep-

The lower portion of Carmi, III., on the Wabasa river, is entirely flooded. The water reaches half-way to the secand stories of the houses.

Governor Tanner this afternoon started from Springfield with one hundred tents, blankets enough for 500 persons and a sufficient amount of prepared food for the immediate relief of ,200 people. He also wired W. S. Phillips, president of the Gallatin county bank here, to draw upon him for \$3,000 as an immediate relief fund. Governor Tanner has issued a proclamation to the public to send in relief in care of Mr. Phillips at this place. The Odd Fellows and Mazonic lodges are supervising the distribution of supplies fast as supplies are received they are taken by special train to the water's edge, ferried across in skiffs to Cypress Junction and from there taken by wagon to within two miles of Shaw nestown. All the carpenters in Ridgway fell to making flatboats this morning and an impromptu ferry has been established. The back water is a mile wide at the crossing point, the river being seven miles wide. The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern tracks

are under five feet of water for five miles north of Cypress Junction. Ed. Flake, whose wife was drowned day, said there were lifteen people in his house when the flood struck the building. Only himself and on other succeeded in escaping. Mr. Flake was hysterical from grief and could not give the names of the thirteen who

HEROIC EFFORTS AT RESCUE. Marsh Calicutt, the son of Wash Callcutt, who perished, made an herole of-

row heat and got within forty feet of the home where his mother and father were imprisoned, but the swift current prevented him from coming nearer. The parents stood in the yard in water to their arm pits awaiting the arrival of the boat. Suddenly a wave swent them into the current and they were drowned before their son's eyes. George Carroll, a merchant, seized

his little granddaughter when the wa-

ter struck his store and holding her

above his head, waded, arm-pit de

toward higher ground. A boat picked them both out of the water. Davis Rookendoffer and wife were in their home directly in the path of the huge wave that swept through the broken dike when the house was swept from its foundations. They climbed to the roof and floated from the north levee to the south levce, the distance of a mile and were taken offff in safety. The little boy took refuge in a tree and was subsequently rescued. Mr. Rookendoffer said that as he floated down the current on the house tops he saw people drowning on all sides. The colored quarters of the city was completely inundated. It is believed that a large number of colored people perished as the ground was

MAINE "INCIDENT."

flooded in a twinkling and tonight the

water is twenty-five feet deep in that

it Will He Made a Feature of Resolutions Which Are for Armed Intervention to Cuba.

Washington, April 4.-The leaders of the Republicans of the house and the senate who have been pressing for aggressive action on the Cuban question held several informal meetings during the afternoon, looking to the arrangement of a programme for concerted action at both ends of the capitol in case the president is not ready to transmit his message on Wednesday, Senator Davis, Senator Foraker, Senator Cullom and others were seen by the house Republicans and as a result the committee appointed by the house Republicans last Wednesday postponed the meeting of the conference, which was to have been held tonight until Wednesday at 11 a. m. At that time. if it is apparent that longer delay is to be asked, they are to proceed at both ends of the capitol. The senate committee on foreign relations has agreed informally on their resolutions and the Republicans of the foreign agains committee of the house are practically united. Both are for armed intervention and the blowing up of the Maine will be a feature of each. The house committee will call Captain Sigsbee and other naval officers before it tomorrow and the committee expects to take strong ground on the Maine affair. Both committees being ready to act on Wednesday the resolutions can be brought up in both houses on that day. Speaker Reed, it is positively stated, will not attempt to block any programme that has the endorsement of a majority of the Republicans of the house, and when the conference meets on Wednesday, it is said, if the president is not ready to report, the comspeaker beyond cavil that they are in not only the majority, but a large ma-

CONFERRED WITH HASTINGS.

Commander of the Second Brigade.

N. G. P., at Harrisburg. Harrisburg, April 4.-General John A. Wiley, of Franklin, commander of the Second brigade, was here today in conference with Governor Hastings and Adjutant General Stewart. General Wiley said his visit was purely personal and had nothing to do with the rumors of war.

The governor said there was nothing new in the situation and corroborated Wiley's statement. He is keeping in close touch with the military authorities at Washington and if the president calls for volunteers the National Guard of Pennsylvania is ready to respond promptly.

"DIVING HEALFR" FAILED. His Patient Died and the Grand Jury

May Act. Mount Molly, N. J., April 4.-Frederick Bennett, twenty-two years of age, of this place, died today. He had been ill for three months, but no physician was ever called to attend him.

A "divine healer" called on him frequently, though Bennett grew worse. is considerable indignation death, and the attention of the Burlington County Medical society has been called to the matter. The grand jury may take action in the case

Bad Blood at Mouch Chunk Mauch Chunk, Pa., April 4.-The Demo craile county committee mot here this af-ternoon for the purpose of electing four delegates to the state convention. gether with a chairman of the county committee for the ensuing year. Of the ne hundred and eleven coteemen all were present except one. There were two tickets named, one in favor of W. F. Harrity, the other anti-Harrity. Factional lines were elesely drawn and bad blood was evidenced throughout the

Schneter Defents Ives. Chicago, April 4.-The first big match at three cushion carom billiards was finished this evening and Jacob Schsefer defeated Frank Ives by a score of 125 to The match was for \$100 a side. Sixty points were played in the atternoon. Schuefer scoring so to 46 for lves. The game was finished this evening. Schaefer scoring the winning point in the one handred and sixty-ninth inning.

10,000 WILL STRIKE.

Pittsburg, April L-All indications point to a general suspension of coal min along the Menongahela river and Wednesday it is expected 10,000 diggers

EXHIBITION BALL GAMES.

At Lynchburg, Va.-University of Virginia. 0; Lafayette, 8; game stopped by At Philadelphia-Philadelphia, E: Ro-Richmond - Baitimore, - 5; Rich-

AMERICANS ARE LEAVING HAVANA

Survey Boats Bache and Mangrove Have Been Ordered to Sea.

WILL PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY

in Case of Rioting at Havana the Bonts Will Transport Citizens of the United States to a Place of Safety .- Consul General Lee is Authorized to Also Hire Merchant Vessels if Necessary.

Key West, Fla., April 4.-Acting under orders from Washington, Captain Sampson, commander of the United States fleet in these waters, sent the survey boat Bache today from the Tortugas to Havana. Her sailing orders were dispatched late this afternoon over the new cable, and an hour later the Bache was on her way to Cuba. It is assumed here that she goes to afford a mode of safe egress for American citizens should a riot occur in Havana or war be declared. The survey boat Blake was also ordered to proceed to Havana, but these instructions were countermanded before she got away. The Fern is still at Havana, but her accommodations are

The Mangrove, which was lying at the dock here, received unexpected orders to proceed to Havana tonight and sailed immediately. The usual exciting rumors regarding trouble in Havana ran riot after her departure.

Havana, April 4.-The Mangrove and the Bache are expected here tomorrow to take to Key West such Americans as desire to go and also such others as can show good reasons for leaving. Consul General Lee has been authorized to hire merchant vessels, if necessary, and will probably employ the steamer Florida, of the Coast line, due here tomorrow; the Mascotte, which is due Wednesday, and the Olivette. which is due for an extra trip on Thursday. The Fern will remain here, so far as is now known.

JUNTA IS FIRM.

Nothing Will Satisfy the Organization But Absolute Independence. No Armistice is Desired.

New York, April 4.-Horatio S. Rubens, counsel for the Cuban junta, when asked concerning the report that Spain had asked the insurgents for an armistice, said:

Spain tried to force autonomy on us Bryanites and Anti-Bryanites Create nd sternally failed. o be nothing to do to dissuade the Cuhang from fighting for absolute inde-pendence. If Spain declares an armistice it would simply strengthen the Cubans in s at an end; and that she is exhausted, exten; but yet, with her usual diplobad faith, would try to turn death into victory. The declaration of an armistice by Spain would be an acknowledgement of the belligerency of the Cubans and consequently of the strength of the revolution which they have denied.

The secretary of the Cuban Junta in New York said today: "The question of an armistice is absurd. Hostilities must not cease until the independence of Cuba is recognized. The Constitution of the Cuban republic is based on that. Spain knows, and President Mc-Kinley knows, that we will not entertain for one instant a proposition for an armistice on any grounds short of

HARD LINES FOR STRIKERS.

No More Credit for New England Unemployed Men.

New Bedford, Mass., April 4.-The retall grocers and market men in the northern and southern sections of the city have decided that unless the cotton mills strike ends this week they will withdraw credit from the unem-

They will post notices that, beginning April II, all sales will be for cash only. This will undoubtedly end the among the residents here over his strike, which has now lasted more than cleven weeks.

Ohio City Elections.

Cincinnati, April 4.-Little interest was taken in the election here today except in Edward J. Dempsey, Democrat, teans. was elected superior court judge John Galvin, Republican, by 1.682 were 33,090 votes cast, much less than was very light today. A chilly driszling rain fell most of the day. Only municipal officers were elected and the issues were purely local and often personal.

Gardner Counted Out.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 4.-The 20-round contest between Eddie Gardner, of Pittsburg, required nineteen rounds ropolitan Athletic club. Over 1,000 enthusiastic sports saw the battle, Gard-ner was counted out in the nuncteenth round while trying to evade punishment.

World's Sauton Championship. London, April 4 .- At the National Sport-

ing club in this city tonight in a 20-round contest for £300 and the bantum championship of the world. Ben Jordan. England, beat Eddie Curry, of New York Curry proved game, but was much pun-

Washington, April 4.-The cabinet meeting tonight adjourned at 11.15 o'clock after thoroughly considering the president's forthcoming message. Secretary Long authorized the Associated Press to ansunce that the message would be sent to congress on Wednesday,

Death of an Aged Physician. Lancaster, Pa., April 4.—Dr. J. M. Dun-lap, one of the oldest physicians in this county, and a state senator from 1861-66,

died suddenly from apoplexy today,

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

Rain: East Winds.

1 Telegraph-Administration Does Not

One Hundred Perish by the Shawned town Flood.

The Tribune's Popular Want Columns.

The Markets,

Local-Reorganization of City Coun-

Editorial. Comment of the Press.

Local-West Side and Suburban.

Luckawanna County News. Telegraph-Congress Is Warming Up

Good Authority That It Will Be : tion Rigidly Put.

Washington, April 4.- The Washington Post says that unless Spain with in forty-eight hours yields all, by surrendering Cuba, war cannot be averted. It says:

President McKinley's message to congress will be a ringing, vigorous document, that promises to meet the full expectation of congress and the country. It will be a scalping arraignment of Spain, showing that she has demonstrated her utter incapacity to govern; that her colonies have delined in population as the result of misrule and oppression; that American commerce has been damaged and American lives and property imperillied, and that existing conditions should not and will not be tolerated by this government.

The destruction of the battleship Maine and the slaughter of 255 officers held responsible for that disaster.

intervention to restore order and peace. He will not recommend the recognition of the independence of the island; for the insurgents have no travesty would be presented to the world if following the recognition of independence the United States should. as the result of war, take that inde-pendence away by seizing or annex-ing the island.

The president's message will be equivalent to a declaration of war, and hostilities can now only be avert-ed by Spain yielding all.

and then the confusion commenced. anti-Ryanites bolted the meeting and repaired to Dosner's hotel, where Mr. Delahunty was named. The other faction selected Mr. Ryan. The state committee will decide which is the regular nominee.

FIRED ON A BRITISH SHIP.

The English Brigautine Bella Rose : Target for Spanish Guns.

St. Johns, N. F., April 4.-The British brigantine Bella Rose, Captain Callahan, from Cadiz, March 4, via Oporto, for St. Johns, which arrived here yesterday, reports having been chased and fired upon by a Spanish vessel shortly after leaving

Insurgents at E! Desquide. Havans, April 4.-A Spanish report says that a party of two hundred losurgents at the plantation of El Desquido, province of Puerto Principe, recently surprised twenty-five Spanish soldiers, by an ambuscade, killing one officer and twelve soldiers and wounding six sol-It is added that a detachment of one hundred Spanish troops went to the assistance of the surviving Spaniards. who were surrounded and dispersed the insurgents, inflicting considerable loss

upon the enemy. Hig Strike of Carpenters.

Chicago. April 4 .- About five thousand union carpenters struck here today and with the exception of public buildings, which were not interfered with, work on nearly every building in course of contruction in the city is at a standstill. The reason is a controversy over a rule of the Carpenters' and Builders' associa-tion forbidding union carpenters working for any one not a member of the as-An increase in wages is also sociation. An increase in asked for by the strikers.

New York, April 4.—Upon receiving an order from Washington today to buy ten vessels, the naval auxiliary board purchased the following auxiliary cruisers: Carraccas and Venezuela, of the Red D. line; Kansas City, of the Savannah line; Yorktown, Jamestown and Princess Ann. of the Old Deminion line; Et Sol and three others of the Morkan line.

Rome, April 4.—The vatican refuses to publish the text of the communications which have passed between the pontiff holiness has asked Spain to arrange for a suspension of hostilities in Cuba is con-

Bicycle Works Burned. Reading, Pa., April 4.-The Wilhelm Bi eyele works at Hamburg, this city, and St John's Union church,

arned to the ground this afternoon. Fir. started in the bicycle plant. Cause un known. The works employed several hundred hands. The loss is probably

Recognize Any Grounds for Media-

Preparing to Remove Americans from Havana.

Neighboring County News.

Story-"The Marchioness' Coachman. Local-Coroner Locking Into the Fly Wheel Casualty. L. I. & S. Co. Sues to Recover 1.89

Local-Gossip About City Hall. School Board Wars in Three Places.

M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE

Ringing Document -- Maine Ques-

and seamen serving under the United States flag will be commented upon in strong language and Spain, will be

The president will make no direct recommendation, but his message will soint clearly to the necessity of armed established form of government and the president and cabinet believe that

QUAKER CITY DEMOCRATS.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Both factions of the local Democratic party claim to have recured control of the party at the organization of the city committee tonight City Commissione: Thomas J. Ryan, the present chairman, was re-elected by one faction, and Thomas Delahurty, sr., was the choice of the other. The meeting for organization was expected to be sensational and a large force of policemen were on hand to quell any disturbance. Their services were not needed, although there was considerable pushing and

crowding to get in by contesting dele

ain probably would act with the others. GROUNDS FOR INTERFERENCE.

dlity and certainly by Thursday.

ecommendations to congress, one of

which will be the recognition of Cuban

independence. As to the mediation of

Europe or the pope, they declare that

these material and moral powers must

exercise their suasion on Spain, for this

government will insist on independence

of Cuba as an ultimate sine qua non

inless the insurgents themselves should

onsent to less, and this they have flat-

ly refused to do. Speaking on this point

one of the cabinet officers said today;

powers of Europe and the heads of all

the churches may propose mediation

to Spain if they desire, but the United

States will positively not listen to

mediation of any kind that does not

lead to the acceptance of our condi-

tion, which is the independence of

Notwithstanding the many reports of

European mediation, they assumed

heir first tangible form this afternoon

when at least two of the foreign es-

tablishments in Washington received

official information that an exchange

now in progress with a view to arriv-

ing at a basis on which they could

make a joint proposal for mediation.

It is evident that the exchange has not

been productive of a common under-

standing, as the ambassadors and min-

isters at Washington have not yet re-

ceived instructions to initiate the move-

ment. Their only information thus far

is that the notes are passing by tele-

graph between the capitols of Europe.

It had been understood that France

and Austria were most active in bring-

ing about this movement, and that

Great Britain had held aloof from it,

government was also taking part in

the exchange and that in case of con-

certed action by the powers Great Brit-

notes between the great powers was

Cuba.

You can say for me that all the

What common grounds the powers are seeking to reach can only be conjectured. The Spanish government seems to be hopeful of results from this movement, and this inspired additional ground for the belief that it would not be regarded with favor by the United States. The diplomats. however, think that if a common understanding was reached by the great powers of Europe such suggestions as these combined powers might make, could not be lightly set aside. The general view of the diplomats is that the movement is not so much one toward reconciling the United States and Spain as it is to preserve the peace of the world by combined action. Spain's policy in this matter is one of urging on the European powers that If Cuba was free from Spanish sovereignty the next move under the Mouroe doctringwould be to bring an end to European control over the West Indian possessions. Great Britain, France and Denmark have interests in that locality In other quarters it was stated that the influence of the powers was more likely to be exerted on Spain in urging her to make the largest measure of

concession. "Wait for Wednesday," was the word passed about the capitol today, and a general understanding to that effect was reached. The Republicans will not initiate and the Democrats will not try to force any action on Cuba until Wednezday, when the president's message will be received. With that understanding the senate foreign relations committee did not report and the house foreign affairs committee took no notion.

It is known that the senate committee has agreed upon a resolution. practically the Foraker resolution, ueclaring independence and intervention with an amendment fixing the respon sibility for the destruction of the Mainupon Spain either by design or criminal negligence. The house foreign affairs committee will report, if possible, a resolution in line with the president's recommendations, and it is known that I and snow in the northern districts.

MAY BE OFFERED

Latest Phase in the Cuban Question—Results of Spain's Appeal to the Powers Have Not Yet Been Productive of a Common Understanding. France and Austria the Most Active in the Endeavor to Bring About Concerted Action of European Governments—President's Message Will Be Received on Wednesday.

EUROPEAN MEDIATION

Washington, April 4.- The two fore- | efforts are being made to have the reolution of both committees agree with tost branches of the Cuban question in Washington today were the presi- the president's wishes, dent's message and European media-AWAITING THE MESSAGE. tion which has now taken an active The conference of Republican memform in the courts of Europe, accordbers of the house was adjourned until ing to advices received at the foreign Wednesday by the committee in order embassies here, though no proffer has to await the message. been made to the United States. Re-

Both houses discussed the Cuban sitgarding the first, it can be stated that gation today, but it was simply preit is fully expected by the administraliminary to the more important debate on that the message will be sent to and action to be taken before the week ongress on Wednesday in all proba-Members of Mr. McKinley's cabinet enators and representatives who called nd his friends in congress stated defiupon the president today and the imoitely today that it will deal vigorouspression gained from them was that the y with the question, will include the message would declare for the inde-Maine incident and will make definite

pendence of Cuba. With the exception of the purchase of ten steamships for use as auxillary ruisers, today was devoid of developments in the military and naval branches of the government. There were the usual constant conferences between the various bureau chiefs of both departments and Secretaries Long and Alger had numerous callers from the capitol. No orders, it was stated, have been sent to either the fleet at Key West or the squadron at Hampton Roads and no confirmation could be obtained of the report that sea orders had been sent the battleship Texas at New York. Secretary Long held a ortef conference with Secretary Aiger during the afternoon. Up to the hour of his departure it was stated that no advices had been received regarding any movements of the Spanish torpedo

LEO'S INFLUENCE.

fleet or other Spanish vessels,

There Is Little Doubt That It Is Being Brought to Bear on Spair

in the Interest of Peace.

Washington, April 4.-While no offer of mediation has been made by Pope Leo XIII, to the United States, since the vatican initiates a tender of its services as mediator or arbitrator, and this country has made no such request, there is little doubt that unofficial representations have been made as to the deep interest felt by the pope in the preservation of peace. There is reason to believe, however, that the pone's tofluences are being exerted much more directly and with greater effect at

but it develops today that the British | Madred than at Washington. Pope Leo is the godfather of Alphonso XIII.. the young king of Spain, and Pope Plus IX, was the godfatner of Aiphonso XII., the late king of Spain, This indicates the great influence which the vatican exercises over the Spanish dynasty, the royal family and the country at large being thoroughly Catholic Owing to this it is not doubted that the influences of the pope would be most important, and probably decisive, in inducing Spain to make every concession possible toward maintaining peace. Furthermore, it is known officially that these influences are being exerted at the present moment and that they promise to be

productive of success.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS. Philadelphia, April 4 - Among the ophions handed down today by the Supremovert were the following: Per curium-Fulford vs. Lehigh Valley Raffroad com-pany (C. P. Bradford), S. January term, '88; judgment affirmed. Williams now to use. Mitchell company vs. Toxer, et al., trustees (C. P. Bradford), 134 January term, 97; decree affirmed and appeal dismissed at appellanc's cost. Comegys et al., vs. Russel, et al. (C. P. Lackawanna), 74 January term, '87; judgment affirmed, Schlater vs. Teal, et al. (C. P., Suaquehannas, 6t. January term. 98; the de-cree is accordingly affirmed and appeal dismissed at appellant's costs. Tiffany s. the Delaware, Lackswanna and Vestern Railroad company iC. P., Susgehanna), 305, January term, judgment is affirmed. By Justice rett-Hottenstein vs. Haverly (C. P. Hyani. 234. January term, '76; judgment

Medical Examiners Meet.

Harrisburg, April 4.—The state board f Allopathic and Homeopathic medical examiners met here tenight and prepared estions to be submitted to the state dical council for the semi-annual examinations in June. The allopaths will elect officers tomorrow. Dr. Augustus Korndoerfer, Philadelphia, was re-elected president, and Dr. Joseph C. Guernson, Philadelphia, secretary and treasurer of

the homeopathic board. Large Saw Mills Burn.

Darien, Ga., April t.-Union Island, oposite Darion, had a disastrous fire too Two large saw mills, two lumber kilns and several houses were consumed. The property was award by the Hilton-Dedge Lumber company and valued at \$200,000.

The Herald's Weather Forecast,

New York, April 5.- In the maidle states and New England, today, cloudy, with fresh to brisk northeasterly and easterly winds in this section, becoming danger on on the coasts and slightly lower temper-ature, followed by rain in the southern